



News Highlights, Dec. 14-20, 2012

Salisbury Post

Kluttz appointed to McCrory cabinet as secretary of cultural resources

Former Salisbury Mayor Susan Kluttz will serve as the new secretary of cultural resources in Gov.-elect Pat McCrory's cabinet. Kluttz, a Democrat and currently the city's mayor pro tem, is a longtime supporter of McCrory, who graduated from Catawba College. She served on his transition team to make recommendations about the Department of Cultural Resources, which oversees the troubled N.C. Transportation Museum in Spencer. Read more [here](#).

UNC-TV

"North Carolina Now"

UNC-TV is broadcasting Cultural Resources' video tributes to the six 2012 North Carolina Award recipients on "North Carolina Now" segments in December. View the first four broadcast videos [here](#) (Dr. Jay Baliga, starting at 10:24), [here](#) (Gary Carden, starting at 08:27), [here](#) ("Sweet Papa Lou" Donaldson, starting at 13:19) and [here](#) (Janice Faulkner, starting at 15:39).

Greensboro News & Record

Renovations boost visitation at Brown historic site

The voices of the St. James United Methodist Church choir serenaded the small group assembled inside Kimball Hall on the former campus of the Palmer Memorial Institute at an open house last Sunday. ...It also signaled that the struggling historic site is surviving — even thriving, some say. Read more [here](#).

Beach Carolina Magazine

The Museum of the Albemarle Ends Year as a Family Favorite

The fun for families and visitation to the Museum of the Albemarle has been huge in December, and continues a trend. The phenomenally successful Dec. 1 Open House and Downtown Market, in conjunction with the city's Christmas parade, brought more than 6,700 visitors to the venue. More people are finding that the museum is a great destination. Read more [here](#).

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Teachers gain new perspective by incorporating art into their classes

Sherry Elvington isn't the only teacher adding a splash of art to her curriculum, teachers at Kannapolis Middle and Kannapolis Intermediate have also taken the plunge as the district joined forces with the North Carolina Museum of Art. Through the Art of Collaboration program, teachers have received training about how to incorporate art into their instruction of math, science, English, social studies and visual arts. Read more [here](#).

WRAL.com / GoAskMom blog

[Destination: N.C. Museum of Arts' Still-Life Masterpieces](#)

Here's what I like about the special exhibition Still-Life Masterpieces: A Visual Feast at the N.C. Museum of Art: At one point, you're looking at gorgeous, classical paintings -- beautiful bowls, colorful fruit, bursts of flowers. Then you turn the corner and see an orange-red plastic Hawaiian Punch pitcher and matching cups that look like a pineapple. Read more and see exhibit photos [here](#).

News & Observer / Under the Dome blog

[Decorate your tree with a statehouse ornament](#)

Are you obsessed with everything that happens on Jones Street? How about the Legislative Building itself? If it's really special to you, consider buying a Christmas tree ornament depicting the home of your General Assembly. The N.C. Museum of History has designed just such an ornament in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the statehouse. Read more [here](#).

Fayetteville Observer

[Sunday Life: Coventry Carolers spread holiday cheer](#)

John Watkins doesn't have to look too hard to see how the Christmas carols he sings affects audiences. "You can see enjoyment on their faces," said Watkins, who sings baritone, bass and tenor.Earlier this month at the 1897 Poe House, Watkins and the Coventry Carolers dispensed a little holiday cheer during a jubilee presented by the Museum of the Cape Fear. Read more and see a performance photo [here](#).

Daily Southerner (Tarboro)

[Christmas concert a huge success](#)

Beads of perspiration rolled down the face of William Henry Curry as he conducted the North Carolina Symphony Wednesday night in Tarboro. The passionate holiday pops performance drew two standing ovations from the audience in Edgecombe Community College's Keihin Auditorium. Read more [here](#).

Winston-Salem Journal

[Blind Boys perform rousing show at SECCA](#)

Jimmy Carter and five band mates represent the latest iteration of a five-time Grammy Award-winning act called The Blind Boys of Alabama that performed Sunday at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art.But perhaps the most impressive part of the afternoon was the example the Blind Boys set for a group of workers from Industries for the Blind, the nation's largest employer of the visually impaired. Read more [here](#).

Beach Carolina Magazine

[Fort Fisher Presents Living History Program To Commemorate 148th Anniversary Of The Battle Of Fort Fisher](#)

To commemorate the anniversary of the Second Battle of Fort Fisher — the largest land-sea battle of the Civil War — Fort Fisher State Historic Site will host a living history program on January 19, 2013. Thanks to the recently released Steven Spielberg film "Lincoln" and its multiple references to the Battle of Fort Fisher, millions of movie-goers are now more familiar with the fort's important historical role as the last fort to fall to Union troops during the Civil War. Read more [here](#).